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► DRAFT THAT ESTABLISHES GOALS AND OBLIGATIONS FOR CONTAINERS AND PACKAGES IS PUBLISHED

On June 10, 2019, Exempt Resolution N° 544 of the Ministry of the Environment was published in the Official Gazette, which approves and submits to public consultation the preliminary draft decree that will establish collection and valorization goals and obligations associated with containers and packaging, in the context of Law 20,920 on Extended Producer Responsibility ("Law N° 20,920").

Regulated containers and packaging

According to the preliminary draft, containers and packaging shall be considered as products of any nature and made of any material used to contain, protect, handle, facilitate the delivery, store, preserve, transport or improve goods presentation.

Collection and valorization goals

The preliminary draft establishes collection and valorization goals to be met by producers, on a progressive scale per year, considering two categories of containers and packaging:

Household containers and packaging

Meta de recolección y valorización									
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Liquid cardboard	5%	8%	23%	29%	35%	41%	48%	54%	60%
Metal	6%	9%	23%	28%	34%	39%	44%	50%	55%
Paper and Cardboard	6%	9%	25%	33%	40%	48%	55%	63%	70%
Plastic	3%	5%	16%	21%	26%	30%	35%	40%	45%
Glass	11%	18%	25%	31%	38%	45%	52%	58%	65%

Non-household containers and packaging

Collection and Valorization Goals									
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
General	30%	40%	50%	53%	53%				
Metal					61%	64%	66%	68%	70%
Paper and Cardboard					71%	74%	78%	81%	85%
Plastic					38%	42%	46%	51%	55%



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Obligations associated to containers and packaging

The preliminary draft also establishes a series of additional obligations for producers of containers and packaging, in order to comply with the aforementioned collection and valorization goals, such as:

1. Provide information regarding the fees of management systems and a list of producers involved in each system.
2. Installation and operation of waste reception and storage facilities in boroughs with 40,000 and 119,999 inhabitants.
3. Selective collection of household waste.

Accomplishment of collection and valorizations goals and obligations associated to containers and packaging

Producers of containers and packaging shall comply with goals and obligations through management systems established by Law N° 20,920, which shall constitute a guarantee in order to ensure the compliance with such goals and obligations.

Public consultation

Any natural or legal person may pose observations on the content of the preliminary draft, until **July 23, 2019**. Observations must be justified with relevant background information.